**Assessment of Railways traffic loss to road transport**

850. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made by the Railways regarding loss of its traffic to the road transport; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No precise assessment has been made by the Railways regarding loss of 'its' traffic to the road transport.

(b) Does not arise.

**Length of Narrow Gauge Rail Line and Conversion thereof**

851. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of narrow gauge line existing in the country, Zone-wise; and

(b) the length, out of that, proposed to be converted into broad gauge; zone-wise, during the Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The total length (Route Km.) of narrow gauge line Zone-wise is as follows:

| Railway | Length of narrow gauge line (Route Km.) (as on 31.3.96) |
|---|---|
| Central | 996 |
| Eastern | 132 |
| Northern | 260 |
| North-Eastern | -- |
| Northeast-Frontier | 87 |
| Southern | 102 |
| South-Central | -- |
| South-Eastern | 1,340 |
| Western | 877 |
| TOTAL: | 3,794 |

(b) The length of narrow gauge line proposed to be converted zonewise during the Ninth Plan is as under:

| Railway | Length in Kilometres |
|---|---|
| Central | 405 |
| Eastern | — |
| Northern | — |
| North-Eastern | -- |
| Northeast-Frontier | — |
| Southern | 102 |
| South-Central | — |
| South-Eastern | 549 |
| South-Central | — |
| South-Eastern | 549 |
| Western | — |
| TOTAL: | 1,056 |

**Surplus Railway Staff of Waltair Railway Division**

852. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the surplus staff of Waltair Railway Division is being sent back to their parent divisions;

(b) whether the South Eastern Railwaymen's Union has represented for their absorption in new projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No staff have been declared surplus on Waltair Division.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.